

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 have been examined. Claims 1, 3, 8, 12, 16, 21, 24 have been amended. Claims 2, 14, and 18-20 have been canceled. New claims 31-33 have been added. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of claims 2-7, 10, 14, 15 and 20-29. Examination of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 8, 9 and 16 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 8 and 16 have been amended to provided proper antecedent basis for "the rounded portion." Hence, this rejection is overcome.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 12, 13 and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Davison. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 14 and claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 18-20. Since these claims were indicated to be allowable, this rejection is rendered moot and claims 1, 12 and 17 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

Claims 11 and 30 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davison. Claim 11 depends from claim 1 and claim 30 depends from claim 17. Since these independent claims are in condition for allowance, the section 103 rejection of claims 11 and 30 is rendered moot.

Added Claims

Claims 31-33 have been added to rewrite claims 10, 16 and 29 in independent form. Since these claims were indicated to be allowable, claims 31-33 are in condition for allowance.

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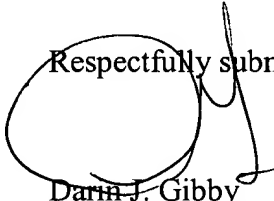
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,


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